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MEETING ON ALLIANCE DEFENCE INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY (ADIT), 27

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SECDEF FOR ODDR&E (MR R. BASIL); OASD(I&L) FOR MR. D. CUFFE;

OASD(ISA) FOR COL MILLER.

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BEGIN SUMMARY. NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATIVES (NADREPS) MET AS THE WORKING GROUP ON ALLIANCE DEFENCE INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY (ADIT), JUNE 27, 1974. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON TACTICAL MISSILE QUESTIONNAIRE, WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY SCHEDULE, AND RECRUITMENT OF NATIONAL EXPERTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN ADIT ACTIVITIES. MISSION SUGGESTS WASHINGTON CONSIDER BOTH INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (ICAF) FACILITIES AND CONTRACT ASSISTANCE. GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY COB 8 JULY. END SUMMARY.

1. NADREPS MET AS THE CNAD (CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS
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DIRECTORS) WORKING GROUP ON ADIT JUNE 27, 1974. THE WORKING GROUP REVIEWED DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) (REF A) AND A PROPOSED QUESTIONNAIRE ON TACTICAL MISSILES. SEVERAL NATIONS, LED BY THE UK, OPPOSED THE CONSIDERATION OF

PRODUCTION PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REVIEW OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS OF TACTICAL MISSILES. THE UK VIEW ECHOES THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR PECK AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL (REF B). USNATO COMMENT: IN MISSION VIEW THE EXCLUSION OF PRODUCTION PROGRAM INFORMATION FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL SERIOUSLY DEGRADE ITS VALUE. INFORMATION ON ECONOMIES OF SCALE, LEVELS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE, VALIDATED COST DATA, ETC., INHERENT IN LARGE-SCALE, EFFICIENT MISSILE DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION PROGRAMS, IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL STUDY. TYPICAL PROGRAM EXAMPLES INCLUDE IMPROVED HAWK, DRAGON, TOW AND PROBABLY MILAN. USNATO SUGGESTS THAT ODDR&E CONSIDER THIS MATTER FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT FOUR-POWER INDEPENDENT R&D MEETING. FRG AGREES WITH THE US ON THIS ISSUE. FRANCE APPEARS TO BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD INCLUSION OF PRODUCTION INFORMATION ALTHOUGH FRENCH NADREP HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE US AND THE FRG ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE THE UK THAT NOT ONLY HGE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE BUT ALSO UK INDUSTRY COULD BENEFIT FROM A PRAGMATIC OVERALL VIEW OF ALL MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE TACTICAL MISSILE BUSINESS FROM REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFICATION THROUGH THE PRODUCTION PHASE. END COMMENT.

2. QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT. THERE ARE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO STRUCTURING THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN A WAY WHICH WILL LEND ITSELF TO INSERTION INTO A COMPUTER DATA BASE. THESE CONSIDERATIONS RAISE THE FOLLOWING RELATED QUESTIONS:

- A. TO WHAT GROUP(S) OF EXPERTS SHOULD THE NADREPS TURN FOR ASSISTANCE?
- B. SHOULD ONE NATION, SUCH AS THE US, TAKE THE LEAD IN PLANNING FOR A COMPUTERIZED DATA BASE?
- C. WHAT, IF ANY, CONTRACT ASSISTANCE FOR TA COLLECTIONS, SOFTWARE CONSIDERATIONS, ETC. IS REQUIRED?

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS REGARDING RESOURCES, MISSION PROPOSES THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDER SEVERAL COURSES OF ACTION FOR SIMULTANEOUS IMPLEMENTATION.

- A. DISCUSS WITH THE OJCS THE FEASIBILITY OF REQUESTING A CONFIDENTIAL

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SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (ICAF) TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF ADIT DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1974-75. A TEAM STUDY PROJECT WITH APPROXIMATELY FOUR STUDENTS (ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND STATE, PERHAPS) COULD RESULT IN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUBJECT OF ADIT. THIS STUDY GROUP COULD BE ASKED TO ASSIST IN THE TACTICAL MISSILE AREA, OR THEY COULD HAVE A BROADER ASSIGNMENT. IN EITHER CASE THE TIME-SHARING COMPUTER FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ICAF STUDENTS COULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO AN ADIT PROJECT. THE DEPTH OF RESEARCH ULTIMATELY INVOLVED IN ADIT COULD WELL LEAD TO A MULTI-YEAR PROJECT EFFORT, BUT THE TASK ASSIGNMENT FOR ICAF (CLASS OF 75), IF APPROVED, SHOULD BE LIMITED TO PERMIT COMPILATION OF A USEFUL REPORT BY SPRING 1975.

B. CONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSIS (IDA) OR A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION FOR DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN THE TACTICAL MISSILE AREA. ALTHOUGH THIS IS BY DEFINITION AN ALLIANCE-WIDE EFFORT, SINGLE NATION MANAGEMENT OF A COMPUTER-BASED DATA COLLECTION/PROCESSING EFFORT OF THIS MAGNITUDE HAS SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES. A PRIMARY TASK FOR SUCH A CONTRACTOR TO CONSIDER IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION TO INCLUDE QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT.

4. MISSION REITERATES SUGGESTION (REFS C AND D) THAT IN CONSIDERING ALL RESOURCES TO BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON ADIT QUESTIONS, THE PROCUREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS ON OR ABOUT 10-12 SEPT 74 SHOULD BE STRUCTURED TO COMPLEMENT OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH OF SHORT DURATION, THE PROCURMENT WORKSHOP COULD BE USEFUL IN FORMULATING ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE ICAF PAARTICIPATION OR FOR ACTION BY THE ADIT WORKING GROUP.

5. WITH REGARD TO ADIT WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY SCHEDULE, THE GROUP IS STYMIED FOR THE MOMENT ON THE MATTERS OF PRODUCTION PROGRAM INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT. IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON DATA COLLECTION BEFORE FALL 74. THIS WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO AN INTERIM STATUS REPORT TO THE CNAD IN OCT 74 AND A MORE COMPLETE REPORT BY SPRING 75.

6. NEXT NADREP/ADIT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 JULY 74.
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